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## CLOUDS OF WAR FADE TO MIST AS NOTE COMES

Lansing Reads Carranza's Reply, Then Prepares to Go Fishing.

## TROOPS TO QUIT MEXICO

Small Probability, However, of Abandonment of Mobilization on Border.

## CARRIZAL STILL UNEXPLAINED

De Facto Chief Silent on Ambush, but State Department Is Expected to Yield Point.

The immediate danger of the Mexican crisis was eliminated yesterday by the receipt of Carranza's friendly and conciliatory note, which promises co-operation against border raids and paves the way for the settlement of the entire controversy by diplomatic means. Carranza, in effect, withdraws all threats against the American expeditionary force in Mexico, with the tacit understanding that the withdrawal of American troops northward will be part of the joint plan of the two governments for reaching an understanding. There was every indication last night that President Wilson will agree to this, though the attitude of the American government has not yet been formally announced.

Secretary of State Lansing, after reading the note, strongly intimated that the crisis has passed. He said he intended to leave Friday for a month's vacation at Watertown, N. Y., where he will devote more time to fishing than to diplomatic problems. President Wilson is understood to be ready to join Carranza in friendly efforts to settle all differences.

## Two Plans Suggested.

Two plans of procedure are suggested by Carranza. They include mediation by the Latin-American countries, or direct negotiation between the American State Department and the Mexican foreign office.

Secretary Lansing declined to forecast which procedure appeared the most likely, but it was explained that there is no particular reason why the two governments could not resume the negotiations which were begun by the Scott-Oregon conferences on the border, but broken off because of the inability to agree on the basic question of the withdrawal of the American troops.

This question now, it is explained, promises to be eliminated, chiefly because Gen. Pershing has already begun to move his forces toward the border.

The State Department still declines to say whether this withdrawal was in response to orders from President Wilson or whether it was entirely dictated by Gen. Pershing's strategy. At the Mexican Embassy it is said that the reasons for the withdrawal are no concern of the Mexican government, but that the fact of the troops withdrawal has proved the chief means of averting the threatened breach.

Carranza's suggestion for a plan of "contingents" along the boundary line, which is revived in the note, was threatened out at the Scott-Oregon conference it is explained, and considered practical by representatives of both governments. It would mean, in effect, the establishment of American and Mexican military camps along the border or in a zone contiguous to the border having as a common object the prevention of the formation of bandit bands and the dispersing of any raiders who might threaten the American side of the line.

It is not regarded as likely that the lessening of the tension in the Mexican crisis will have any effect on the mobilization of the National Guard. Officials say that even with the best efforts of the Carranza government it will be months before conditions in northern Mexico are anywhere near normal.

Carranza's note does not make any specific explanation of the orders given to Gen. Trevino which were responsible for the Carrizal clash and an explanation of which was demanded by Secretary Lansing. It is not believed that Secretary Lansing will press this point.

## AND NOW "FANCY WORK" IS MADE GRAFT GAME

(By the Sun News Service.)  
Detroit, Mich., July 5.—A new form of confidence game was revealed to the police today by Mrs. Della Steele.

Mrs. Steele said that several weeks ago she answered an advertisement asking for women to do fancy work at home. The woman in charge required a deposit of \$5 before letting out the material to be made up. When she returned with her work, her "employer" had vanished.

T. R. Hires Recruiting Agent.  
New York, July 5.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt's proposed military division which, it is understood, he would like to lead into Mexico, now has a recruiting agent who will receive and pass upon the great number of applications for membership in that body. The agent is Regis H. Post, former governor of Porto Rico.

## MORE SHIPING REPORTED.

Eighth Cavalry Said to Have Been Fired On.

El Paso, Texas, July 5.—Gen. George Bell, Jr., in command of the Fort Bliss district, today sent officers to Yaleta to investigate reports that Mexican snipers had fired on Eighth Cavalry troops on this side. According to the first official report, the Americans were near the border cutting brush when the Mexicans opened fire.

The Americans took to cover as the Mausers popped at them, but did not return the fire. On top of this report came stories all along the border that snipers were making targets of all trains that passed within range.

## HUGHES MAPS PARTY UNITY

Seven Leading Progressives to Get Berths on Campaign Committee.

## PLAN RENDERS "OLD GUARD" PRACTICALLY HELPLESS

New York, July 5.—Final touches to the harmony program in Republican ranks will be given in the selection of seven prominent Progressives to serve on the campaign committee. Mr. Hughes today formally gave his approval to this plan. The plan is to add to the "steering" committee of seven, headed by former Senator W. Murray Crane, three strong Hughes men. Seven representative Progressives then will be named to act with these ten.

There was every indication at Hughes headquarters today that Mr. Hughes himself will name the majority of the committee. By the scheme devised, the Old Guard members of the steering committee will not be ignored, but will be rendered helpless.

Progressives who are mentioned as likely members of the campaign committee include George W. Perkins, Everett Colby, James R. Garfield, Herbert Knox, and William White.

National Chairman William Willcox and Mr. Hughes had several long conferences today at which plans for the campaign were discussed. Mr. Willcox has approved a coast-to-coast tour beginning early in August and as soon as the notification exercises are over, Mr. Hughes will begin the preparation of the ten or a dozen addresses. It is now planned to hold the notification ceremonies the last week of this month.

## REFUGEES HIT AT PRESIDENT

Characterize His "Vacillating Policy Toward Mexico" as a Crime.

## RESCUE SHIP UNDERMANNED, DIRTY, AND LACKING SUPPLIES

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, July 5.—How American refugees from Tampico shovelled coal, cleaned pots and pans and did other menial tasks aboard the United States steamship Dixie, because the ship was inadequately manned, was told today by Frank S. Engle, of Chicago, secretary of the Frisco Salvador Ranching properties, who was the first of the refugees to arrive. Mr. Engle declared the ship carried 70 refugees out of Tampico with a crew of only 150 men, when 400 was the number required.

Mr. Engle said that when the Dixie landed it unloaded 70 bitter critics of the administration's policy toward Mexico.

"How the Dixie could have been so badly prepared is beyond all imagination," he said. "The decks were never scrubbed while we were on it. There were no blankets, and most of us slept in the open on the deck. A man with two little girls and two little boys was given blankets by the sailors, who went without. The ship was so short-handed that we all had to turn in and work. Some of us shovelled coal.

"Mexico is important, and the people will not stand back of Carranza. If they could express their real opinion at the polls without getting shot for it, they would overturn the de facto government. Although we are Americans we look to the British to protect our interests. The American government's vacillating policy toward Mexico is more than a joke, in our eyes. It is a crime."

## Won't Abandon Camp.

Columbus, Ohio, July 5.—Ohio's mobilization camp will be maintained as long as the militia is in Federal service, it was announced today. There are 10,900 in camp. The first Ohio men will leave for the border Saturday.

## Killed on First Ride in Auto.

Port Huron, Mich., July 5.—James Bourke and his son, Arnold, were instantly killed today when the automobile they had just bought was struck by a Pere Marquette passenger train.

## Hold I. W. W. Leaders for Murder.

Virginia, Minn., July 5.—W. D. Scarlett, an I. W. W. leader, and another leader named Schmidt, were today arrested charged with murder. It is understood that the charges have to do with the killing of two persons at Biwabik, where a strike of mine workers is in progress.

## Villa and Band Turn on Pursuing Carranza Forces And Cut Them to Pieces

Government Troops Sent to Get Bandit Surrounded South of Chihuahua City, and Gen. Ramos, Their Commander, Killed in Slaughter Which Follows.

(By the International News Service.)

El Paso, Texas, July 5.—As evidence that they are keeping their promise with the United States to run down Mexican bandits, Carranzistas today reported to the border an engagement south of Chihuahua City near Jimenez, on the Corral ranch, in which one of their best commanders was badly cut to pieces in fighting a band of Villistas.

It was not stated in the dispatches who commanded the bandits, but the belief here is it was Pancho Villa. He has been reported in the vicinity of Jimenez for some time.

The dispatches came from Gen. Jacinto Trevino at Chihuahua City to Carranza officials on the border, and said that Gen. Francisco Ramos, the Carranza commander, was killed, and many of his command slaughtered by the Villistas.

General Ramos was sent out from Jimenez with instructions to disperse the bandits and not to return until he had accomplished his task. He ran into a force said to number "several regiments" and was surrounded.

The Carranzistas intrenched and repulsed several attacks, but after their general had been killed the survivors escaped in the night and returned to Jimenez to report the battle. This is believed to be the same battle referred to yesterday as in progress "near Corralitos," in which the Mexicans claimed to be winning.

Work of exhuming the bodies of the Tenth cavalymen killed in battle with Carranzistas at Carrizal, Chihuahua, two weeks ago, was commenced today, and the funeral train bearing the bodies is expected to reach El Paso tomorrow.

## House Report Foreshadows Bond Issue of \$125,000,000; Fiscal Deficit, \$266,922,000

The report on the omnibus taxation bill, filed with the House yesterday by Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, the Democratic leader, foreshadows a bond issue of \$125,000,000 to supplant the revenues to be derived from the proposed law.

It is estimated by the Democrats that the excess of expenditures over receipts in the new fiscal year will amount to more than \$266,922,000. This sum will be furnished in part by the new revenue law and by requisitions on the general fund of the Treasury. The report sets forth that about \$50,000,000 must be taken from current funds to take up the slack between outgo and income.

These figures do not take into consideration expenditures made and to be made on account of the troop movements toward the border. The expenses of this venture will be borne by the sale of bonds, a step that is justified by the Democrats on the ground that an extraordinary situation confronts the government.

The report states that the revenue bill will bring in taxes from the following sources: Additional from income tax, \$107,000,000; inheritance, \$17,000,000; Munitions tax, \$17,000,000; miscellaneous, \$2,000,000; balance from Treasury fund, \$69,000,000; total, \$266,922,000.

It is estimated that after the year 1917 the tax on inheritances, which is described as an "estate tax," will yield about \$4,000,000 in every twelve-month period. For the current year only \$17,000,000 is expected from this source.

The hope of the Democrats that they would have Republican support for the revenue bill was realized yesterday when the Ways and Means Committee voted on the measure. Two Republicans, Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, and Longworth, of Ohio, voted for it, reserving the right to criticize some of its provisions.

It is estimated by the report that government expenditures for this fiscal year will approximate \$1,573,000,000.

## Trumpeters, 12 and 70 Years, Offer to Battle for U. S.

Two trumpeters, one 70 and the other 12, yesterday showed the Pennsylvania Avenue recruiting station that they were ready for real service, but their ages were against them and they both were turned away.

Michael M. H. Lynch, who did not give his residence, said he had served in the civil war and proved to the officers he was above the average as a trumpet performer.

Edward Smith, of 706 E street southeast, also came to the station with his trumpet and he, too, played like a "regular." Edward said his father is a civil war drum corps veteran.

Though possessed with unusual musical talent, both applicants were turned away, one never to see service again, the other waiting until a few more years pass by.

Ellie Sheets again carried the martial musicians about town in his machine to create more preparedness spirit.

## U. S. GUNBOAT FIRED ON BY MEXICO, IS REPORT

(By the Sun News Service.)

San Diego, Cal., July 5.—Laden with American refugees from the West coast of Mexico, and chased out of Mazatlan harbor by a Mexican warship, the U. S. gunboat Annapolis arrived here today. The commander of the Annapolis did not reply to the Mexican fire, according to the stories told by the refugees.

The story was also told of how American troops rescued the steamship Sonora in the dead of night in Guaymas harbor. Bluejackets from the U. S. cruiser Cleveland threw the Carranzista watchman overboard, cut the anchor loose and towed the steamship out into the bay.

## TEUTONS LOSE 500,000 IN MONTH.

Russians Reported to Have Taken 232,300 Unwounded Prisoners.

Paris, July 5.—German and Austro-Hungarian losses of the past month total half a million men, according to figures presented today by the Matin. It states that the Russians have taken 232,300 unwounded prisoners, the Italians 4,700 and the Anglo-French forces 14,800.

Multiplying the total of prisoners by two to estimate the number of killed and wounded, it gets an aggregate of slightly more than 500,000, or more than twice army corps.

## Grey To Be Made Peer.

London, July 5.—Sir Edward Grey will shortly be elevated to the peerage, according to the Chronicle. He will retain the foreign secretaryship.

## ONE KILLED IN RIOT.

Strikers Clash at Philadelphia. Three Wounded.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 5.—One man was shot and killed, and three others were wounded seriously, when colored strikebreakers and white longshoremen who have been on strike clashed at the Reading Railway piers, 46 South Wharves, about 7 o'clock tonight. The dead man was Thomas Kenny, white, a union striker.

All of the men in the disturbance were longshoremen. The union men, all white, went to the pier about the time the colored strikebreakers were knocking off work for the day. The delegation of strikers urged them to stop working. Arguments ensued and then fighting began.

## WILL ATTACK BORDER POLICY

Republicans in Congress Represent Wilson's Plan for Withdrawal of U. S. Troops.

## ACQUIESCENCE TO CARRANZA TO BE ROUNDLY DENOUNCED

President Wilson's course in Mexico is to be subjected to a furious attack by Republicans in Congress, according to indications here yesterday.

A wave of resentment swept the floor of the House when it became apparent that the administration is prepared to accept as satisfactory the Carranza suggestion for further negotiations to effect the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico and for providing protection for the American border.

A series of speeches denouncing the President's policy has been prepared by Republicans in the lower branch of Congress, and only the definite settlement of the present Mexican issue is needed to start the attack. Republican leaders have determined to withhold their attack until the psychological moment.

"This is not the time for Republicans to talk," said Representative Leader Mann, of the House, yesterday.

A particularly strong attack on the administration has been placed in the hands of Representative William A. Rodenberg, of Illinois, one of the strongest orators on the Republican side of the House. Representative Rodenberg declared yesterday he had in his possession facts bearing on the situation in Mexico which would astonish Congress and the country. Representative Humphreys, of Washington, likewise declared he was prepared to discuss the Mexican situation.

"It now seems apparent," he stated, "that we are preparing to withdraw our troops from Mexico. That is the final blunder of a series of blunders which have become a tragic chapter in the history of our foreign relations. Evidently the administration is unable to make up its mind to any positive American course of action."

## WOULD BLOCK SHIPPING BILL

Senate Threatens Filibuster. Democrats Decide to Push Measure.

## TO WORK FOR PASSAGE AT PRESENT SESSION

Democratic Senators in a conference last night practically decided to face a threatened filibuster on the administration shipping bill and put it through before the adjournment of this session.

Definite action was postponed until tomorrow night, pending probable action on the bill today by the Commerce Committee, which is expected to report it to the Senate.

The Republican leaders made an offer to the Democrats to agree to vote on a designated day of the session. This offer was accompanied with the threat that if it was not accepted they would use such tactics as might be deemed advisable on this or other measures to defeat the shipping bill.

The Republicans will meet today to map out their plan of action. At the conference last night practically all the Democratic leaders were in accord that action should be had at this session.

Senator Bankhead expressed his opposition to the bill. Senator Clark also declared his purpose to demand that it be materially modified. Other Senators suggested that they would seek to minimize the degree of government ownership and operation, but declared their adherence to the general principles of the measure. Senators Simmons, Fletcher, and Stone made speeches calling for united action and compliance with the President's desire for prompt action.

Senator Simmons said the Democrats would stay here all summer before they accepted the suggestion of the minority.

## Refugee Ship Safe in Port.

Havana, July 5.—The Ward liner Monterey, believed lost, arrived today from Vera Cruz with a large number of American refugees. It was twenty-six hours late owing to a severe storm through which it passed.

## To Sell Traction Company.

Cincinnati, July 5.—The Cincinnati and Columbus Traction Company will be sold by court order. The road has operated at a loss for three years.

## DEFENSE OF GERMANS BREAKS LIKE PAPER BEFORE FRENCH DRIVE

Second Teuton Line South of Somme Taken, Giving Attackers a Front of Six and One-Quarter Miles.

## BELGIANS BEGIN BOMBARDMENT

German Lines Around Dixmude Reported to Have Been Successfully Assailed—Extension of Attack Expected in Near Future.

(By the Sun News Service.)

Paris, July 5.—Without giving the Germans a moment's rest to rally, the French resumed their drive early this morning and kept hammering away at the Teuton lines throughout the day.

As a result they succeeded in straightening out their new front, both north and south of the Somme from Curly down to the village of Estrees. They penetrated and held the second German line from the Clercy-Maricourt highway to the river, a front of a mile and a quarter; took the village of Hem, and attacked the Monacu farm, thus pushing their lines within three and three-quarter miles of the fortress of Peronne, and cleared Estrees village completely of the last Teuton defenders.

Hold Six and One-fourth Mile Front.

When evening came, the French were in absolute possession of the entire second German line south of the Somme, a front of six miles and a quarter. This was made possible by the seizure of the communicating trenches between Belloy-en-Santerre and Estrees.

The French night communiqué reports the capture of 600 more prisoners. The afternoon report places the total number of unwounded prisoners taken in the new offensive at "far over 5,000."

German counter attacks against the new French positions at Belloy-en-Santerre were repulsed.

The Germans, evidently aiming at "a diversion," today launched a sudden infantry attack in Lorraine, in the region of St. Martin. They were successful in penetrating the French line at three points, but, according to the French war office report tonight, were later ejected by a counter-attack.

A sudden flare-up of activity on the northern end of the western battle line is reported by the Belgian war office, which says that the Belgian guns of all calibers undertook a successful systematic bombardment against the German lines around Dixmude. In the afternoon, this activity developed into a violent bomb battle. Spirited artillery duels took place in the direction of Steenstraete, northwest of Langemarck.

Extension of Drive Foreseen.

The Belgian war office report is taken here to foreshadow an extension of the allied drive to the northern sector of the line.

At Verdun the situation was quiet today except for intermittent artillery bombardment.

Tonight's official British report states that the day's fighting consisted largely of local struggles "for the possession of certain strong points." It is not stated what these points are.

The statement further asserts that the German casualties were heavy owing to the fulfillment of the Teuton counter-attacks. "Many more prisoners" were taken today and the total number taken so far is put at more than 6,000.

Austrian Line Cut.

London, July 5.—A dispatch from Petrograd late tonight states it is officially announced there that Gen. Brusilov's army in Hungary has cut the Austrian line between Delatyn and Korosmezo.

This success completely isolated the entire Southern Austro-Hungarian army. The Russians are now between that army and the Northern Austro-Hungarian forces, and render the important railway line running from Lemberg into the heart of Hungary useless for their opponents. The report shows that the Russians have already crossed the Carpathians in this region.

## TRY MAYOR AS GRAFTER, DYNAMITER AND THUG

(By the Sun News Service.)

Muncie, Ind., July 5.—Efforts of attorneys for Mayor R. H. Blanch, who went to trial today charged with conspiring to solicit and accept bribes, lost the first skirmish in their battle to vindicate the mayor. Special Judge Blair denied the motion of the defense to dismiss the special panel of thirty-six veniremen, declared by attorneys for the defense to have been "hand-picked."

The mayor also is under indictment charged with placing dynamite under the home of Wilbur Ryman, and with attempted murder.

## British Liner Captured.

Amsterdam, July 5.—Twelve German torpedo boats captured the British liner Brussels, which was recently taken into the German naval base at Zeebrugge, says the Telegram. The Brussels was surrounded and could not escape.

## Green Heirs Split \$125,000,000.

New York, July 5.—The estate left by the late Hettie Green, probably will total \$125,000,000. It probably will be divided between her son, Col. Edward H. R. Green, and her daughter, Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks.

## Bulgaria Interns Enemies.

London, July 5.—A Reuter dispatch states that the Bulgarian government has ordered the internment of all enemy subjects and the sequestration of all property owned by commercial houses of enemy nationality.

Train Strike Near in Spain.  
Madrid, July 5.—A general strike of Spanish railwaymen is threatened for July 10. The government is arranging to run passenger and mail trains.